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### REMARKS

#### FORMAL MATTERS:

Claims 1-13 and 20-24 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1, 5-7, 9-13, and 20-24 are allowed.

Claims 2-4 and 8 are rejected.

Claims 2 and 8 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification at, for example, Claim 2: page 20, paragraph [0090]; and Claim 8: page 18, paragraph [0087] through page 19, paragraph [0088], page 23, paragraph [00102] through page 24, paragraph [00104].

Accordingly, no new matter is presented by the amendments.

#### ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicants express gratitude in Examiner's indication that all previous rejections have been withdrawn and that Claims 1, 5-7, 9-13, and 20-24 are allowable.

#### REJECTIONS UNDER §112, ¶2

Claims 2-4 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for allegedly being indefinite. In view of the amendments to the claims this rejection may be withdrawn.

##### *Claim 2 (and dependent Claims 3 and 4)*

The Office Action indicates that the limitation "the conformationally sensitive intracellular domain" lacks antecedent basis. Claim 2 has been amended to remove the objectionable language. Therefore, this rejection may be withdrawn.

##### *Claim 8*

The Office Action indicates that Claim 8 is indefinite for reciting "agonist activity". Claim 8 has been amended to recite "wherein a conformational change due to the presence of the candidate agent changes the accessibility of the protease cleavage site to protease cleavage". Support for the amendment can be found in the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification at, for example, page 18, paragraph [0087] through page 19, paragraph [0088], page 23, paragraph [00102] through page 24,

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paragraph [00104]. Accordingly, in view of the amendment to Claim 8, this rejection may be withdrawn.

**OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 8 has been objected to for incorrect dependency. The claim has been amended to correct the dependency. Therefore, this rejection may be withdrawn.

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number STAN-213.

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